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REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,507,924 to Gans ("Gans"). Applicants' have cancelled claim 1, and will discuss the relevance of Gans below.

Gans

Gans discloses a method for testing SRAMs by changing the width of the write pulse (see background col 2 lines 52-54). Gans, however, fails to disclose teach or suggest the steps as now enumerated in the pending claims.

Applicants' Present Invention

Applicant's present invention is applicable to memories that have a write operation that can access more cells than a corresponding read operation (See page 4 lines 3-11 of the originally filed specification). In these types of memories, traditional testing using checkerboards and the like will not suffice. Applicants' use the method as specified in the pending claims.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections and the allowance of the current pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that the pending claims could be allowed with minor changes, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's Amendment. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 09-0456. If any extensions or fees are not accounted for, such extension is requested and the associated fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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